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For: β -HEXOSAMINIDASE AND A DNA SEQUENCE CODING
IT OBTAINED FROM CILIATES AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following sentence on line 1, immediately following the title:

--This is a nationalization of PCT/EP00/01853, filed March 3, 2000 and published in German.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5 and 9 as follows:

3. (amended) The use according to claim 1, characterized in that said nucleic acid has the sequence shown in Figure 1, especially that of Seq. Id. No. 1.